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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : Hardy et al.)
Serial No.: 09/937545) Before the Examiner:
Filed: 01/22/2002) Timothy Howard Meeks
For: STOP-OFF FOR DIFFUSION)
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Amendment

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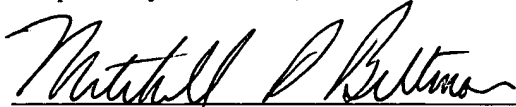
Dear Sir,

Responsive to the Official Action mailed November 18, 2004 requesting the Amendment document filed November 5, 2004 be provided with an amendment to the claims using proper status identifiers, enclosed please find a revised amendment to the claims with proper status identifiers. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the claim amendment and remarks presented in the Amendment filed November 5, 2004.

In view of the enclosed amendment and previously presented remarks Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 USC 102, 103 and 112.

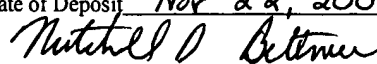
Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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